

The Catalyst

The Carlsbad Community Foundation August 2026



Celebrate Philanthropy!
September 20-26, 2026

Diamonds and endowments are forever!

Diamonds aren't the only things that last forever! For community foundations, endowments are like diamonds, because they are designed to last forever and achieve donors' charitable goals, well beyond our lifetimes.



The Foundation manages more than 230 endowments that allow us to improve lives of people in our community. They help us feed the hungry, care for residents in long-care facilities, support youth programs, encourage mental health education, award scholarships and support many other worthwhile efforts.

In the last year, the Board has approved fund agreements for three endowment funds. The Dirt Dobbers Dick Harrell Memorial Automotive Scholarship celebrates the legacy of racer Dick Harrell, who hailed from Carlsbad. The scholarship will help students pursuing automotive-related fields of study.

The Gil and Vicki Moutray Youth Achievement Fund was established by last year's recipients of the Foundation's Legacy Award. This endowment will support youth in positive, career-enhancing, extra-curricular activities or competitions at the state, regional or national level.

The third endowment was the Heaton Family Halagueno Arts Park Fund, which was established by John and Julia Heaton to support art purchases (sculptures) and the performing arts at the Halagueno Arts Park.

And, of course, endowments will continue to be a big part of our upcoming Community Giving Week. Our annual celebration of philanthropy is coming up Sept. 20-26, and we will once again be offering the popular endowment matching promotion (see Page 4 for details) to maximize your charitable impact!

Thanks to everyone who gives from the heart to make our community a better place. The Foundation shares your vision and aims to achieve it, not only today, but also for years to come.

Mike Antiporda is the Executive Director of the Carlsbad Community Foundation

Local continuing/returning students receive scholarships

The Foundation has just awarded more than 70 scholarships to local students in academic or vocational programs. The total amount awarded exceeded \$85,000!

Many are familiar with the Foundation's Spring scholarship program for graduating high school seniors, but this scholarship cycle is for students of all ages, who are either continuing or returning to studies! The online application was available for the month of June and selections were made by committees in July.

The Foundation is the largest single provider of scholarships in South Eddy County and we are proud to support as many local students possible!



Alexus Miranda was the recipient of the Nancy Jean Read Memorial Nursing Scholarship.



Julian Caballero received the Beryl Durham AIA Memorial Scholarship and Noelia Vasquez received the NMSU-C Memorial Trust Scholarship.

Chevron Catalyst Grant application opens October 1

The online grant application for the Foundation's Chevron Catalyst Grant Program will be open October 1-31, 2026. The grants address diverse charitable needs in the community. The program represents a partnership with Chevron that established a charitable fund at the Foundation in 2016 and has continued to support it annually. Meanwhile, the Foundation is responsible for making the grant awards, determining the amount of the awards and compiling follow-up reports. Guidelines and restrictions are available on our website at www.carlsbadfoundation.org.

Annual Benjamin P. Duke Memorial Grant recipients announced

Have you been hearing clapping, wagging, purring or flapping? If so, it was probably because the Foundation announced the recipients of the Benjamin P. Duke Memorial Grant Program!

Through a competitive grant process, the Foundation awarded the following Duke Grants to benefit animals, domestic or wild:

- Carlsbad Cares Animal Rescue and Sanctuary - For food and veterinary care of animals
- Desert Willow Wildlife Rehabilitation Center - For all program and educational use
- Friends of the Living Desert - For quieter maintenance equipment for safe use around animals
- Noah's Ark Animal Refuge - For overall program expenses related to the shelter

This unique grant program is made possible through the Benjamin P. Duke Memorial Endowment Fund and this year the total amount awarded surpassed \$30,000!



Noah's Ark Animal Refuge



Friends of the Living Desert



Carlsbad Cares Animal Rescue and Sanctuary



Desert Willow Wildlife Rehabilitation Center

A Quick Guide to Community Giving Week

There are numerous ways we celebrate philanthropy during Community Giving Week! We hope you will join in!



Philanthropy 360

Community foundations support all philanthropy, whether it's through us or not! Why not support a cause you believe in during Community Giving Week? The Foundation manages charitable funds to support many needs throughout our community and always appreciates the support of donors. But, if we don't have a fund to support what you're interested in, we can help you find what you want elsewhere!



Foundation grants

The Foundation will be doing its part during Community Giving Week by awarding grants to several nonprofits and highlighting their work, as well as, the work of other recent grant recipients. Follow us on Facebook for pictures and to read about how these charities are making a difference!



Community reception

Join us to celebrate philanthropy! The highlight of the evening will be the presentation of the Carlsbad Community Foundation Legacy Award (see article at right)! The reception will be on Thursday, Sept. 24, 2026 at 6 p.m. at the Pecos River Village Carousel House. **Admission is FREE, but you must RSVP by Sept. 16, 2026 by calling (575) 887-1131.** Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served and a cash bar will be available. We hope to see you there!



Endowment matching

The Foundation will match all one-time donations to endowment funds received or postmarked during Community Giving Week (Sept. 20-26, 2026) dollar-for-dollar up to \$100! Also, new or increased online Recurring Gifts (automatically paid monthly, quarterly or yearly by credit card) to endowments will be matched up to \$100 each payment for a year. If you already give a recurring gift, please call the Foundation for assistance to increase your gift and be eligible for matching (limitations apply).

Take a look at how this matching program can maximize your charitable impact:

One Time Gifts

\$25 donation + \$25 Foundation match = \$50 impact!
\$100 donation + \$100 Foundation match = \$200 impact!

Online Recurring Gifts

\$100 donation/month + \$100 Foundation match/month
= \$2,400 impact!

Increased Online Recurring Gift

(Please call for assistance)

Existing \$100 donation/month + \$20 increase + \$100
Foundation match/month = \$2,640 impact!

*Community
Giving Week*

September 20-26, 2026



Foundation to award the 2026 Legacy Award to the Carlsbad High School Class of '62

During the 2026 Community Giving Week celebrations, the Carlsbad Community Foundation will present its highest philanthropic honor, the Legacy Award, to the Carlsbad High School Class of '62. The award recognizes substantial impacts on our community through philanthropic giving and/or service. This marks the first time the award has been given to a group or organization and demonstrates the importance of collective efforts by many to achieve a shared charitable purpose.

Sally Miller, who organized Class of '62 reunions for many years and is the local contact for the Foundation's Class of '62 Scholarship Fund, was the first to find out and was ecstatic about the news.

"I was blown away," said Miller. "The Class has focused on giving back to our hometown students, but I don't think any of us would have expected such an honor."

Those sentiments were echoed by her classmate, Dwight Pitcaithley, who serves as a central point of contact for the class.

"Who knew, in 1962, that our class would be filled with philanthropists, who would be honored sixty years later with the Foundation's Legacy Award?" asked Pitcaithley. He gives a lot of credit to those who have given so generously to encourage future generations to fulfill their dreams.

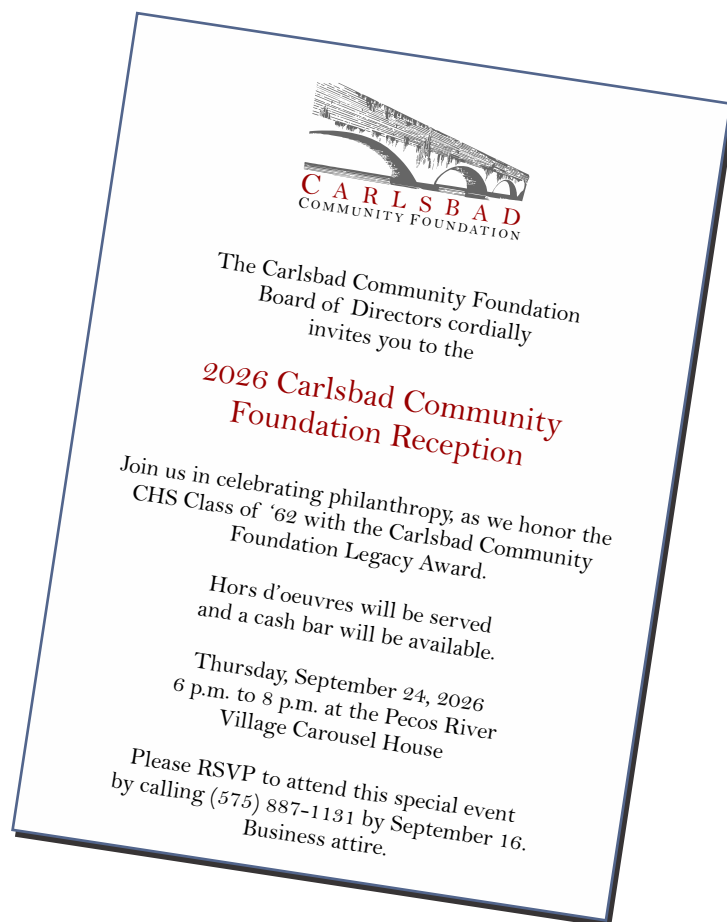
Originally spearheaded by classmates Norma Dunn and the late Wendell Lovelis, the Class of '62 Scholarship Fund was established at the Foundation in 2001, some 39 years after its members walked across the graduation stage. The endowment started with a \$1,000 gift, but with generosity and organization, the fund's balance has grown to more than \$220,000 in less than 25 years. Today, the fund is able to award up to five \$1,000 scholarships to graduating CHS seniors each year and will continue to support scholarships in perpetuity.

The award will be presented to the Class of '62 at the Foundation's annual Community Giving Week Reception at 6 p.m. on Thursday, September 24, 2026 at the Pecos River Village Carousel House. The event's purpose is to celebrate philanthropy and it typically attracts a wide variety of donors, staff and volunteers, all who play an integral role in the local nonprofit community.

Admission is free of charge; however, attendees must RSVP by Sept. 16, 2026 by calling (575) 887-1131. More details may be found at www.carlsbadfoundation.org.



The Class of '62 in their high school auditorium. Photo courtesy of the SENM Historical Society, www.nearlovingbend.net.



Tributes & Donations

May 1, 2026 to July 31, 2026

Memorials

Hipolito Antiporda

*Founders Fund**

Mike and Deena Antiporda

Gilbert Aragon

*Jeanette Wertheim Sparks
Memorial Nursing Scholarship**

Bill Kingston

Hanaa Bahraq

*Tom and Carol Martin Brittany's
Hope Fund**

Bill Kingston

John A. Ballard

*Founders Fund**

Gemma Ferguson
*Gil and Vicky Moutray Youth
Achievement Fund**
Seven Rivers, Inc

Guy Hyrum Brazil

*David R. Reddy Memorial
Scholarship**

Paul, Roxann ,Brittany,
and Lee Reddy

Bill B. Chester - SGT US Army WWII

Veterans Memorial Park Fund
Alvy & Robin Williams

Dale Davis

Inspired by Science Fund
Robby and Judy Walterscheid

Barbara Forrest

*CARC, Inc. Fund**
Craig and Sheri Stephens
*Heaton Family Halagueno Arts
Park Fund**

John and Julia Heaton

Bob Forrest

*Mickey & Ralph Bowyer
Scholarship**
Margaret McClure
*CARC, Inc. Fund**
Gemma Ferguson
David and Peggy Hall
Bill Kingston
Craig and Sheri Stephens
*Class of '62 Scholarship Fund**
Karen Robinson & Billy Baker
*Heaton Family Halagueno Arts
Park Fund**
John and Julia Heaton
*Gil and Vicky Moutray Youth
Achievement Fund**
Seven Rivers, Inc

Allan Furr

*Doc and Helen Furr Memorial
Veterinary Scholarship**
Helen 'Len' Furr

Kay Gessel

*Mickey & Ralph Bowyer
Scholarship Fund**
Margaret McClure

Connie Hulse

*Skyler M. Garringer Memorial
Fund**
Craig and Sheri Stephens

Norma Hunt

*Founders Fund**
Frank and Marcia Westfall

Robert Kelley

*Class of '86 Scholarship**
Mike and Deena Antiporda

Laurie Joe Kincaid

*Founders Fund**
Gemma Ferguson
Gil and Vicky Moutray Youth
Achievement Fund*
Seven Rivers, Inc

Frank Kurtenbach

*Doc and Helen Furr Memorial
Veterinary Scholarship Fund**
Helen 'Len' Furr

Charlotte Mae Forehand Albright

*Class of '62 Scholarship Fund**
Dwight & Sabette Pitcaithley

Tom McIlvain, Sr's Birthday, Nov 5

*Tom & Martha McIlvain
Vocational Scholarship**
Tom and Jennie McIlvain

Monty and Bobbie McWilliams

*Founders Fund**
Ethel McWilliams

Marsha Merillat

*Elizabeth (Betsy) A. Feezer
Memorial Scholarship Fund**
Bill Kingston

Hank Miller

Packs for Hunger Fund
BPOE Carlsbad Elks
Lodge 1558

Orlando Ornelas

*Class of '86 Scholarship**
Mike and Deena Antiporda

Mary J. "Jackie" Rayroux

*Founders Fund**
Gemma Ferguson
Inspired by Science Fund
Norman and Susan Siepel

Bob Roth

*Kathryn Jaye Sepich Memorial
Scholarship**
Dave & Jayann Sepich

Bill Tucker

*P.R. Leyva Memorial
Scholarship**
Ralph Leyva

Jan Tidwell's Birthday

*Jan and Chuck Tidwell Tennis
Scholarship Fund**
Dennis and Diane Moore

Tina Walterscheid

*Class of '86 Scholarship**
Mike and Deena Antiporda

James David "Jim" Waters

*Founders Fund**
Gemma Ferguson

Gerald Williams - WWII US Navy

Veterans Memorial Park Fund
Alvy & Robin Williams

Robert "Bob" Charles Yeager

*Skyler M. Garringer Memorial
Fund**
Craig and Sheri Stephens
*Kathryn Jaye Sepich Memorial
Scholarship Fund**
Dave & Jayann Sepich
Craig and Sheri Stephens

Honors

Marilyn Brickman's Birthday

*Skyler M. Garringer Memorial
Fund**
Sherry McCrary

Carlsbad Rotary Club Speakers

*Leslie Messer Wilson Memorial
Scholarship of the Cavern City
Rotary Club**
Deena Antiporda
Jasmine Cobb
and Amy Wright
Raelynn Dunlap
Ben Freston
Paul Gessing
Denise Green
Roxann Haugen

Andrew Olson

Pam Tabor
Roy Thomas

Mackie Garringer - Mother's Day

*Skyler M. Garringer Memorial
Fund**
Mike and Deanna Garringer

Julia Heaton

*Halagueno Arts Park Gala
Demand Fund*
Neal and Carla Dungan

Bill Kingston

Founders Fund
Carlsbad Community
Foundation Board & Staff

Martha McIlvain's Birthday, Sep 21

*Tom & Martha McIlvain
Vocational Scholarship Fund**
Tom and Jennie McIlvain

Stacey Sieberg - Happy Birthday

*Jerry R. Sieberg Memorial
Scholarship**
Anonymous

Wren Prather Stroud

*Halagueno Arts Park Gala
Demand Fund*
Neal and Carla Dungan

Donations

BCO Wealth Management Charity Fund*

BCO Wealth Management

Charles & Peggy Cable Fund

Charles Cable

Carlsbad 16th of September

Fiestas Fund

Chevron
Intrepid Potash

Carlsbad Community Kitchen

Fund*
Merland, Inc

Carlsbad Mayor's Energy

Summit Fund
Chevron

Carlsbad Museum Fund*

Merland, Inc

Chevron Catalyst Fund

Chevron

Class of '62 Scholarship Fund*

Norma Dunn
Allen and Deborah Kilgore
Curtis Mize

Class of '72 Scholarship Fund*

Pamela Jean Hill-Smith
Mary Hubbard
Pamela Wigley Jones
Allen and Deborah Kilgore
Craig and Sheri Stephens

Eddy County Emergency Management Support Fund

CNB Bank
Fourth of July Fund

Emergency Disaster Relief Permanent Fund*

Merland, Inc

Feezer Fine Arts Acquisition Fund*

Ross and Rebecca Feezer

Elizabeth (Betsy) A. Feezer Memorial Scholarship Fund*

Ross and Rebecca Feezer

Fire Dept Training, Education & Special Events Fund

Chevron
Enerflex
R360 Environmental Solutions
Shalom Trailers, Inc.
TRTS LLC
Xcel Energy

First Methodist General Fund*

Jay & Tracy Francis

Founders Fund*

Deborah Beard
Chevron
ConocoPhillips Company

Fourth of July Fund

Carlsbad Medical Center
EquipmentShare
First American Bank
International Minerals Carlsbad
Marathon Oil
Navarro Inc.
Permian Resources
SENMCO
SIMCO
Waste Connections
Xcel Energy

**Friends of Cascades
Recreation and Wellness
Center Fund**

AARP Carlsbad Chapter 651
James and Janie Griffin
Louis & Helen Matta
Perry & Patricia Nichols
Pretzels Pecans
Diane Wells

**Skyler M. Garringer
Memorial Fund***

Jay and Tracy Francis

**Jimmie & Billy Harrison
Presbyterian Youth Fund***

Rebecca Parmeter

Inspired by Science Fund

Monica Martinez-Jones

**Martin Luther King
Memorial Fund**

Anonymous
Chevron
City of Carlsbad
New Mexico Martin Luther
King, Jr. Commission

**Martin Luther King
Memorial Scholarship
Fund***

Chevron

**Leadership Carlsbad 2026
Fund**

Mary Garwood

**Los Alamos Employees
Scholarship Fund**

Wesley Boatwright
Johnathan Calliccoat
Karen A. Day

Christy Dickerson
Jason Granger

Brant Lemons

Jennifer Lemons

Amy Lopez

Los Alamos National Labs

Jason Montoya

Adrienne Navarrette

Shawn Otto

Philip Smith

Juliet Swanson

Lisa Watson

Lisa Watson

Priscilla Yanez

**Mayor's Prayer Breakfast
Fund**

Health Care Service Corp.

National Night Out Fund

CNB Bank

Eddy County

**Jill Norrid Memorial
Scholarship***

Constellation
Anthony Paneral
Rowie Welch

**Linda Palma Memorial
Scholarship***

Israel Palma
Manuel Palma

**Maurice P. Pardue Loving
High School Scholarship***

Stephanie M. Pardue

**Sandia Labs Charity
Demand Fund**

National Technology and
Engineering Solutions of
Sandia

**The Catalyst Newsletter
Fund**

Curtis Mize

**The Mayor's Read-A-Thon
Fund**

CEMRC

ExxonMobil

Los Alamos Technical

Associates, Inc.

SIMCO

**Carol Thomas Memorial
Scholarship***

Bernadette Hinkle

**Veterans Memorial Park
Fund**

Jaime's Welding Service

**F.C. Williamson Rotary
Memorial Scholarship***

Carlsbad Rotary Club

**Women for a Better
Carlsbad Fund**

Anonymous
Browning Garage Doors
Francis Patrick Davis
Elknrut Packgoats
& Homestead
Esthetic Journey
Craig and Sheri Stephens
Western Commerce Bank

Leadership Spotlight: Board Member Bill Kingston

Over the course of the last seven years, Bill Kingston has provided steady leadership on the Carlsbad Community Foundation's Board of Directors. Having worked in business and education, he was well equipped to handle the diverse challenges of a non-profit organization.



Already a Benefactor, Bill joined the Board in September 2019, filling a vacant seat for its final year. In 2020, he was elected to the first of two full terms, each lasting three years.

During his tenure, he took on various leadership roles. He served as secretary, vice president and two consecutive years as president (2022-24).

As a retired teacher, he especially enjoyed helping with the Foundation's scholarship programs. In fact, at this year's scholarship award ceremony, he was able to congratulate numerous recipients on stage, who were among the last students he taught before retiring.

As his final term on the Board nears its conclusion, we would like to express our thanks to Bill for his dedicated service. His straightforward, common-sense solutions will be missed!

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☐ **Other Fund** _____
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in my Will or other planned
giving documents
- ☐ Please send me information
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at the Foundation

About Us

The Carlsbad Community Foundation was established in 1978 and seeks to improve the lives of people in Carlsbad and South Eddy County.



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ConocoPhillips, one of the Foundation's Organizational Benefactors, recently made a donation to the Founders Fund. This endowment ensures our sustainability to achieve our charitable mission for many years to come. Tina Tiffany, ConocoPhillips Stakeholder Relations Advisor, made the presentation to Foundation Executive Director Mike Antiporda. We are so grateful!